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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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FOR: A LAYER OBTAINED FROM AN AQUEOUS DISPERSION CONTAINING A
SILICON/TITANIUM MIXED OXIDE POWDER PREPARED BY FLAME-
HYDROLYSIS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 8, 2003, Applicants request
reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and
remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-8 and insert therefor the following new claims:

9. (New) A layer, wherein the layer is obtained by thermal treatment from an aqueous
dispersion applied to a substrate, the dispersion containing a silicon/titanium mixed oxide
powder prepared by flame hydrolysis and the titanium dioxide content of the powder is
between 2 and 20 wt.%.
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10. (New) The layer as claimed in claim 9, wherein the thickness of the layer is
between 100 nm and 1 mm.

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